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Long and Short Range Plans For Lake Park Development

by Virginia Beauchamp

Long range, short range, and immediate plans for development of Greenbelt Lake as a recreational facility for the community are currently undergoing scrutiny and—in the case of the last-named—implementation.

At the top of the list of current projects has been development of the bay end of the lake, the area accessible from the foot of Olivewood Ct. Throughout last week the Public Works Department laid what they call a "riprap" shoreline at the water line. Using broken pieces of curbing taken up when Lakeside Dr. was repaired last summer, they laid concrete reinforcements along the bank at the water line to hold back erosion. Since some of the pieces placed along the bank weighed as much as 1000 lbs., the city crew had to rig up a device to handle such heavy loads. By using the newly purchased front end loader, which they rigged up with a heavy, 20-foot-long wooden beam and a heavy chain, they invented a crane to manage the job.

Besides building up the shoreline, the crew improved the bay end of the lake in other ways. They also rounded out the shoreline, regraded the whole area (which stretches just beyond the creek in the direction of Charlestowne Village), and were planning this week to sod the entire section. Current plans call for leaving the area vacant for ballplaying, though officials are considering laying out a ball diamond and possibly eventually putting up playground equipment at one edge of the property.

Summer Plans

Other plans for the Lake Park will be carried out during the course of the summer. Tentatively planned for the main area of the park is a temporary band shell. If enough local bands can be lined up to fill a once-a-week program during the summer months, city officials will go ahead with plans to build a temporary structure. In the meantime, the Public Works Dept. is working to finish the development of the filled area below the dam. They plan to lessen the grade of the slope immediately behind the dam and plant it with ground cover. Further back from the dam and closer to Kenilworth they will do more filling and leveling to prepare another ballfield. But even with the assistance of the city's new front end loader, they do not expect to complete this project till the end of the summer.

As a necessary preliminary to construction of shelters and comfort stations, the city has applied to WSSC to bring in water service to the Lake Park. Following the completion of such a line, definite plans for comfort stations (perhaps to be introduced into budgetary proposals for the next fiscal year) would follow.

Long Range Plans

With the recent acquisition of parkland, city officials are taking a long look at possibilities for full-scale development of recreational facilities for the city. Currently proposed is the hiring of professional planners to develop a comprehensive plan for the Lake Park. In the meantime plans for a new Municipal Service Building to re-

GCS Delegation Nominees

The following nominees have been named to run for positions as members of the Greenbelt Area Delegation to the 14th Congress of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.: John A. Webb, Benjamin Rosenzweig, Vaclav Majer, Frank Lewis, Lenora Kimball, Seymour Kaplan, Carnie Harper, Mary Jane Clements, and Kenneth C. Buker.

Those seven receiving the highest number of votes will serve as Congress members. The remaining two will serve as member representatives of the delegation.

Ballots for the election will be sent by mail.

Fleeing Car Pitches From Beltway Overpass

A high-speed chase involving the police of five jurisdictions ended shortly after midnight on April 15 when a fleeing car plowed through the guard rail of a Beltway overpass and landed on Greenbelt Road near the American Legion hall, narrowly missing two cars. The driver and his passenger, both men in their twenties, escaped serious injury.

According to Greenbelt Police Chief William Lane, the chase started when United States Park policemen attempted to halt two cars that were racing each other on a highway in Virginia. One car stopped, but the other sped away toward Maryland. Eventually, policemen from Fairfax County, the state of Maryland, Prince Georges County, and Greenbelt were called to assist in the chase.

At one point, the passenger reportedly threw the rear seat of the car onto the roadway, in an attempt to deter the pursuers. He was charged with littering the highway, while charges of reckless driving and other traffic offenses were placed against the driver.

SHERIFF KERSEY TO TALK AT DEMOCRATIC MEETING

Sheriff William J. Kersey of Prince Georges County will be guest speaker at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Greenbelt Democratic Club, to be held Wednesday, April 26, at 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Kersey aroused controversy by his recent proposal of a curfew for teenagers.

President Howard Chasanow invites all interested Democrats in the city to attend.

Heavily Attended GHI Board Meeting Passes Motion on New, Larger Homes

by Sid Kastner

Like froth from a breaking wave, Thursday night's regular board meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) turned out to be an aftermath of the April 6 special meeting on the larger homes sales policy, with charges by board members being refuted by representatives of the original petitioners group. High member interest was evident in the large audience that attended, witnessing a prolonged argument that centered around the technical question of whether cost figures had, or had not, been published by the board.

The debate was preceded, initially, by a motion placed on the floor by director James Smith, the purpose of which was to implement the resolution arrived at in the special meeting. The three-part motion proposed that (a) the board hold one or more informal meetings to hear any members' ideas, (b) any alternative proposals be included in a referendum to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting, and (c) the annual meeting be postponed to Thursday, June 1, to give time for alternate proposals. Before the motion could be discussed chairman Charles Schwan sharply attacked a statement in the material put out by the petitioning group.

The group had circulated a flier to the members, before the special meeting, in which it claimed that the board had published new figures for the appraisal prices of the large homes, in an effort to put its proposed sale policy in a favorable light. Chairman Charles Schwan denied this and requested that they produce the published estimates or retract the statement. Director Clifford Simonson, one of the signers of the statement, stated that figures quoted in a News Review report of March 2 were validly published estimates, and were the

only ones he had ever seen or heard in board sessions. Director Gerald Gough and other board members interpreted this differently, as being only figures used as an illustration by the reporter; he suggested that it would therefore be fair for the group to retract its statement. Bruce Bowman reiterated the group's position that the only figures it had had to go on were those reported in the newspaper. Howard Chasanow, also supporting the group's position, said there was no intent to impugn the board, inasmuch as "we wanted to refer the matter back to the board, which we wouldn't do if we distrusted the board."

With both sides having thoroughly expressed their positions, the air was cleared for discussion on the motion still before the board. Simonson asked, if any of the alternative proposals were contradictory to the sense of the membership at the special meeting, what would be the outcome? Benjamin Rosenzweig, William Feller, and Matthew Amberg also voiced the view that the resolution adopted at the special meeting should form the backbone of any policy ultimately adopted. Amberg said that the membership had expressed a "direction of thrust" in the

CITY TO CONSIDER ELIMINATING RUN-OFF ELECTIONS FOR COUNCIL

by Al Skolnik

The city council, at its next regular meeting, will consider a basic change in the procedures for electing city councilmen. Recommended by the Charter Review Committee, the charter change calls for the elimination of run-off elections for councilmen, except in the case of ties. The five candidates receiving the most votes would be declared elected, whether or not they received a majority (more than one-half) of the votes cast.

Under the procedures which have governed the election of Greenbelt councilmen since the city's incorporation in 1937, if fewer than five candidates receive a majority of the votes cast, a run-off election is held a week later. In the run-off election, the contest is between those unsuccessful candidates — candidates with less than a majority — receiving the highest number of votes, up to twice as many names as there are positions to be filled.

In the last six council elections (which are held in September of the odd-numbered years), two required no run-offs, in two run-offs the results were the same as the order of finish in the first election, and in the other two run-offs, the winners had finished in sixth place in the original balloting.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., in the early years of its inception also elected its board of directors by a majority vote, thus requiring run-offs in most cases. In 1960 it changed to a plurality system of voting.

The charter change calling for plurality elections was introduced for first reading at the council's regular meeting of Monday, April 17. If adopted by the council, the charter amendment will go into effect automatically for this year's election unless 20 percent of the registered voters petition within 40 days for a referendum.

Solicitor Resigns

Mayor Edgar Smith announced at the April 17 meeting that Thomas R. Brooks has notified the city of his desire to relinquish the post of city solicitor. He said, however, that he will continue to serve until a successor has been appointed. Smith indicated that future arrangements with respect to the post will be announced shortly.

White Reports

Councilman Francis White reported on separate meetings the city held last week with the county school board and the technical staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. White noted with satisfaction that the school board is now seriously considering alternative routes for a perimeter road to serve the 3-school complex scheduled for parcel 2 — the land between Ridge Rd. and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

White also felt that the meeting with the MNCPPC staff was fruitful. He thought it an optimistic sign that Greenbelt's recommendations for the Area 13 N master plan were given close attention. He noted particularly that the designation of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., property as R-T (townhouse) zoning category appeared to be reasonable and acceptable to the planners.

White said that the city asked for a public hearing before final adoption by the Planning Board of the Area 13 plan. A motion informing the District Council of the resolution, in the final words "... to keep the price down." Schwan and Smith assured these questioners that the member's decision would be the primary guide, and that any alternative proposals would have to recognize this.

The motion — originally introduced at about 9:10 p.m. (!) — was finally passed at 11:25 p.m.; Simonson and director John O'Reilly abstained.

Maintenance Committee

Director Smith reported, from the Maintenance committee, a suggestion that members who build their additions over storm drains pay some stipulated amount, per foot of drain, to the city; this would go into a cash reserve which would make it possible for the city

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city's desire on this matter was adopted following White's report.

Recreation Reports

The council received a series of reports from the Recreation Advisory Board. One was a recommendation that the Board be renamed the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. The second was that the RAB be appointed liaison between the city and the Governor's Council of Arts. The first recommendation was placed on the agenda for a future meeting; the second was approved by council.

A third recommendation dealt with a request of St. Hugh's School to use the Youth Center for gym instruction for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at the school. The RAB approved the request with a fee attached. The council voted to delete the fee but indicated that the use of the Youth Center would be at such time and dates as mutually agreeable to the city manager and the school.

In another recreation matter the council authorized the recreation department to purchase baseball equipment for boys' teams at Springhill Lake. In doing so, the council expressed hope that the Springhill Lake groups would join the established Little League program.

Charter Changes

The council adopted two charter amendments. One provides for the appointment of Deputy City Clerks by the city manager to assist in registration of voters.

The other revises the procedure for the issuing of bonds. Up to now, the city has followed the procedure established by State law — which it is required to do unless the city charter provides otherwise. City manager James K. Giese and the Charter Review Committee recommended the changes because State law procedures were found not to be satisfactory.

The changes are as follows: (1) provisions relating to the sale of bonds, such as bid opening dates, etc., are reserved for a second ordinance separate from the ordinance authorizing the bond issue and its submittal to a referendum;

(2) public improvements where more than half the cost is to be assessed against abutting properties may be financed by a bond issue without the need for a referendum;

(3) procedures for the sale of bonds by negotiation are permitted if it is determined that it is in the best interests to negotiate the sale and if the city council, by a two-thirds vote, waives the bidding procedure.

The Charter Review Committee has also recommended other charter changes which were introduced for first reading. These include the appointment of watchers and challengers by a candidate for the office of city councilman, and provisions for appeal of rulings of the city clerk in matters of voter registration to the city council. The charter presently provides only for city clerk decisions to be appealed to the circuit court.

Other Business

Also introduced for first reading was a resolution permitting the re-appointment of present members of the Board of the Greenbelt Foundation. Six of the original appointees to this new organization will not have served a full term. Another item introduced for first reading was an ordinance providing a property tax credit to persons over the age of 65 in the same manner as is now provided by Prince Georges county.

State Senator Edward T. Conroy received in person a copy of the city council resolution commending him for his able representation of city interests during the recently concluded session of the State Legislature.

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To the Editor

Justify or Retract

At the special membership meeting of GHI on April 6 and at a board meeting of April 13, GHI board members asked that a statement made by the Committee for Modified Resale Policy on GHI Homes be substantiated or retracted. It may be that there are those who are not familiar with the facts. They are summarized below.

In the News Review of March 30, Clifford Simonson, Seymour Kaplan, and Bruce Bowman in a signed advertisement charged that "GHI has published new figures in which they have changed the estimated appraised value in an attempt to put their proposal in a more favorable light." In the accompanying table \$5,000 was represented as being the "Board's estimate of 5-year increased value" of a new home. Subsequently, the same charge was made in two leaflets.

When asked the basis for their statement, those who signed the advertisement cited two news stories that appeared in the News Review. The article in the issue of February 16, read in part:

"For example, a member purchases one of the four homes from GHI for, say, \$27,000. The appraised value of this house at time of purchase is determined to be \$30,000. This means that the member has a 90 percent equity in the property, the corporation has the other 10 percent. If the member decides to sell 10 years later and the house is appraised then at \$35,000, the member will be able to receive only 90 percent of the \$5,000 difference in the two appraised values or \$4,500 . . ."

The same figures were used as an illustration in a News Review story of March 2, except that the time interval between sale and resale was not specified. All the figures used in these stories were offered solely by the News Review reporter, who apparently intended them to illustrate a hypothetical case.

The GHI Board again wishes to emphasize that the only figures it published were those in the material mailed to members dated March 20, figures used specifically as examples to show how its formula would work. It could not have changed, therefore, any "estimated appraised value." Parenthetically, it might be added that in the News Review story the figures were labeled clearly as an "example." In addition, the \$5,000 increase in value was assumed to occur in ten years, not five.

It is to the motive ascribed "in an attempt to put this proposal in a more favorable light," that the board takes particular exception. This portion of the statement attacks the integrity of board members. On two occasions the signers of the advertisement have been asked to justify or retract their statement. This is the third occasion.

Charles F. Schwan, Jr.
 GHI President

Bake Sale Thanks

Thank you for the publicity which you gave to the Center School PTA Bake Sale which was held last Friday at the Center. Through the efforts of the Room Mothers and parents of Center School students, the Bake Sale brought in over \$160 to the PTA and helped meet its budget.

Many sincere thanks to all those who helped in any way.

Mrs. Betty Polaschik
 Bake Sale Chairman

"No Formula is Perfect"

In your April 13 issue's account of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., special meeting on the sale-resale policy for larger homes to be built by GHI, it mistakenly is reported that the petitioners' resolution was amended so that "(1) the housing component of the consumer price index for the local area was substituted for the national consumer price index in determining the gain to be permitted the selling member; and (2) no member would be guaranteed the resale price unless the house upon resale was in salable shape."

Point 2 as adopted was intended to subtract from the selling member's share of the selling price the cost of putting the house into salable shape if it had been neglected or abused beyond normal wear and tear.

Point 1 substituted not the local area's housing component of the Consumer Price Index but the housing component of the national (technically, the "all cities") Consumer Price Index.

As the maker of the amendment, I felt and so stated that it would be more appropriate to use what I believe would be a more stable series, the national housing component of the national CPI rather than use the local housing component of the Washington metropolitan area CPI. I felt and said the local component might be more influenced by the tremendous social investment being poured by the government into installations, roads, etc., in this area, affecting the housing market and housing prices greatly with no especial contribution by the member buying the house and reselling it later.

Another — and more practical — factor I failed to mention but which makes the national housing component better than the local one: The national series is published monthly; the local series is published four times per year. So the national one would be more current and handier.

Members might be interested that as of the February 1967 CPI (issued March 20, 1967), the national housing component stood at 113.3 while the Washington housing component stood at 113.0 (in both cases, 100.0 being the 1957-59 average). So the difference between the two is not great at this time; what the future holds is unknowable now, of course. (These figures do not mean Washington area housing is cheaper than housing nationally. They mean housing costs in the Washington area rose 13 percent above the average of Washington area housing costs as they were in the 1957-59 period while housing costs nationally rose just a little more percentagewise (13.3 percent) above the average of what housing costs were through the whole urban part of the nation in the 1957-59 period. So if Washington area costs were much higher in 1957-59 than were costs nationally at that time, Washington area costs could have gone up more dollars and

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Thanks

We wish to thank everyone connected with the Employees Service awards Dinner and Dance.

We are eagerly waiting for next year to again get together with acquaintances old and new.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Breeden
 Adelphi

(Editor's Note: We apologize for the delay in printing this letter; it was misplaced and overlooked.)

Golden Agers News

by Allen D. Morrison

The following distinguished citizens are now members of the Golden Age Club: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ritter, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Sines, Mr. Benjamin Rosenzweig, Mrs. Elizabeth Parrott, Mrs. Martha Lev, Mrs. Sarah Fisher and Mrs. Irene Donahue. The club is proud to have these new members. Each Wednesday at one o'clock the club meets at the recreation center. Visitors are always welcome. Make a visit: if you don't like us, don't join; if you do like us, join us. Dues are only 25c a month.

Mrs. Griffin is in charge of a social meeting to be held on April 19 with dancing and refreshments included. A county meeting of all senior citizens will be held at Northwestern Senior High School on Saturday, May 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ten buses have been engaged to transport all citizens who desire to attend. Everyone is invited to this meeting, regardless of age. (The cafeteria will be open for a luncheon which will be served by Girl Scouts from Brentwood. The only charge is for the luncheon tickets and can be purchased at the recreation center or by calling 474-6353. A full program is in store for all in attendance. It is estimated that 1,500 persons will attend.

Rev. Buker and wife have returned from Florida; Howard Slaymaker and wife have returned from Arizona (all are well tanned). The club has received an electric Bingo box complete with all accessories from Edward Kaighn for the Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136.

Donald Kern of the Greenbelt Lions Club presented the Club with 14 pounds of fruit cake left over from the Christmas sale. To the members of the American Legion and Lions Club we cannot express our fullest appreciation.

2nd Bus to Expo 67

The Greenbelt Travel Club has secured space on a second bus to EXPO 67 over the Memorial Day weekend. All space on the first bus was sold out a week ago. Information and reservations are available at the Twin Pines Savings & Loan office.

City Receives County Championship Trophy

Mayor Smith received the 1967 Prince Georges County Men's Unlimited Basketball League trophy from the Greenbelt team recently. The Mayor then presented individual trophies from the City to the team members. The City Men's Champs, the Falcons, will be eligible to represent Greenbelt in the County League next year.

Greenbelt Junior Miss

Claudia Kennedy, a senior at Regina High School, represented the Greenbelt Jaycee chapter at the State of Maryland Talent Show held by the Jaycees in Frostburg, Md., on April 1. Miss Kennedy, Greenbelt's Junior Miss, performed a Jazz Baton routine before a large audience at Frostburg State College.

4-H GREENBELT SPIRITS

by Janet Goldberg

On March 10, the 4-H Greenbelt Spirits elected the following new officers: President Jenny Simonson; Vice-President Lisa McFarland; Secretary, Eileen Karlander; Treasurer, Barbara Baluch; Reporter, Janet Goldberg; Song Leader, Ruth Kaplan; Recreation Leaders, Alice Gordon and Sue Murray.

Teenagers' Verse Wanted

Teen-age poets and writers from Prince Georges County area high schools are invited to bring original poems or short stories to a meeting at the Prince Georges County Memorial Library, Hyattsville Branch, on Tuesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m.

The Young Adult Creative Writing Workshop is planned to publish a special anthology, and interested young adults may submit material, whether or not they have been attending the workshops.

Speaking Sternly . . . by David Stern

Arvid Bendtsen
 Hillerod
 Denmark

Dear Arvid:

I found your name and address on a slip of cardboard, enclosed with an imported armchair which I bought at the local supermarket. I presume that you were wondering where in the world the chair and the slip would wind up. Here, then, is your answer.

Greenbelt, where I am sitting and writing this, is a small town about 18 kilometers northeast of Washington, growing very rapidly as suburbs of the capital city spring up around it. Our big industry is the nearby unmanned satellite center of NASA - I work there as scientist - and a large agricultural experimental station adjacent to the town. We also have several supermarkets here, including a co-operative one that from time to time launches some special project, such as selling for \$20 Danish armchairs that look like the \$40 imitation of the \$60 thing.

My wife and I both liked the chair when we saw it displayed in the store - even the color of the cushions appeared to match that of our sofa. However, the surface of the wood felt rough and uneven, so we called the manager for advice.

"What more can you expect for 20 dollars?" he said. "If you really want the surface to be smooth, why not polish it yourselves with a piece of steel wool?"

"Can we try it out on the floor sample?"

"Yes, if you do it on one of the rear legs where no one can see it. The steel wool is on counter 7a, to the left."

We got a 10-cent package of steel wool and rubbed some of it against the wood, in a place where it wouldn't show. Indeed, it made the surface velvet-smooth.

"Seems all right," we said. "Of course, you have to assemble it all by yourself," we were told, "but it's a cinch."

That same evening we carefully unpacked the parts and also found your note down near the bottom of the box. We then made ourselves comfortable in front of the television and began polishing. When the show ended, half an hour later, the wood was nice and smooth and the floor was covered with iron filings, later picked up by one of our daughter's toy magnets.

Next we looked at the instruction sheet. "Place section 3 between sections 1 and 2," was roughly what it said, "with the tenons turned upwards and backwards." All very helpful, provided of course you know which is section 1 and which is section 3. The rest was true to form: " . . . the 4 UNBRACHO screws are . . . tightened together by means of the enclosed UNKRAKO key." Wish we had better command of foreign languages.

Something had to be done, though, so we looked up tenons in the dictionary, made a few wild

guesses and got it all to fit. Some of the screws had pilot holes ready for them, others didn't and we used an electric drill to produce them, since we weren't sure how likely the wood - advertised by the supermarket as "beachwood" - was to split. There were two pieces of hardware left over when we finished, and we still have absolutely no idea where they belong.

Finally we tightened the UNBRACHO screws and set the thing on the floor. Quite a handsome chair it was, and it wobbled, too. At first we thought that maybe the floor was not even, but a little experimentation proved that the situation called for a wood file, applied to the ends of the two longest legs, and after some scraping the wobble faded away, more or less. We then oiled the wood so that it looked shiny and smooth, like on the \$60 article.

Now the chair stands in its corner and is a handsome addition indeed to our living room; it really doesn't match the sofa, but it's not noticeable unless one looks closely. My wife and I have you and your friends to thank for making this possible.

More than that, however, we would like to congratulate you for introducing something new and adventuresome into the buying of new furniture. Up till now, we always got our furniture delivered ready-to-use, for better or for worse. With your chair, I shall always remember my small and uncertain part in making it complete, and this memory will always give me special satisfaction.

Besides, of course, it beats paying \$60.
 yours
 David

CORRECTION

The present constitution of Maryland dates back to March, 1867, not 1897 as we printed last week. The News Review regrets the error.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Ministers:
 Rev. Johanna Stroetker
 Minister of C. E.
 Mr. Clarence Shaw,
 Minister of Music
 "Church Open For Prayer,
 Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m."
 Friday 4 p.m. - Youth Fellowship. Confirmation Class.
 Friday 7:30 p.m. - Pastoral Committee Meeting, 2-B Hillside.
 Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Church School grade 5 through adults.
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship. Guest minister, Mr. Albert K. Herling. Church School Nursery through Junior grade 4.
 Infant Care in 2-B Hillside.
 11:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour Fellowship.
 5:30 p.m. - Senior High Fellowship.
 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL
 - June 19 - 30
 Nursery through Grade 6.
 (A United Church of Christ)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Training Union
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor 474-4040

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Perry F. Miller, Pastor

Church School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Classes for pre-schoolers and Nursery provided
 40 Ridge Rd., 474-9410 Parsonage, 474-7295

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, GR 4-4477
 Edward H. Birner, Pastor, GR 4-9200
 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
 WEEKDAY KINDERGARTEN
 AND NURSERY



Police Blotter

Lawrence J. Morris, 18, of 23-E Ridge Rd., was arrested on April 14 and charged with trespassing after his release from Prince Georges Hospital, where he had been recovering from a gunshot wound sustained on March 2. The complaint was made by Bernard J. Fritz of 2-C Woodland Way, who has been charged with discharging a firearm. Policemen had discovered Morris, wounded, on Ridge Rd. at 2 a.m. on March 2, shortly after receiving two reports of a prowler on Woodland Way.

Both men are awaiting trial and have been released on bond. The police reports have been turned over to the office of the States Attorney for possible presentation to the Grand Jury.

The new teletype machine at the Greenbelt Police Department has "certainly increased our efficiency in recovering property and exchanging police information," according to Chief Lane. Two months ago, Greenbelt joined a teletype network linking many police jurisdictions in the metropolitan area. On the day the machine was installed it enabled the police to discover the whereabouts of two runaway boys who had been picked up in a neighboring county.

Greenbelt officers now receive copies of teletyped descriptions of

persons wanted by other police departments; similarly, Greenbelt's messages can be transmitted rapidly to other jurisdictions. Chief Lane pointed out that the proximity of the Beltway and the Parkway have made these facilities vital, since a criminal can reach another jurisdiction within minutes after committing a crime in Greenbelt.

In a recent case a teletyped message from the Montgomery County police about a man seen installing a new engine in his car under suspicious circumstances helped lead to an arrest. The Greenbelt police had recovered a car stolen from Springhill Lake but the car's engine had been removed. Officer John R. Salvatore questioned the Montgomery County suspect and found him to be a Springhill Lake resident who eventually admitted that he had engaged a Washington man to steal the engine for him. Salvatore earned a commendation for his follow-up work.

Officer John C. Krob has been commended for returning a stolen car to its owner before the theft had been reported. Krob investigated the car and its two juvenile occupants during a routine patrol.

New fire-lane signs have been posted on GHI property on areas designated by the Fire Marshal, and the police department requests the cooperation of residents. During an initial period of grace,

warnings have been issued to motorists parked illegally; however, the fire-lane law requires that violators be towed away.

Lieutenant Marshall Zoellner recently took a two-week course in Police Administration at the Southern Police Institute of the University of Louisville.

Greenbelt Joins Council of Govts.

By special vote of the membership of the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments recently both Bowie and Greenbelt have been accepted into the organization. The Council of Governments comprises the elected officials of 15 participating jurisdictions in the suburban area of Washington; the District Commissioners; and members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and Congress from the metropolitan area. An association of regional groups, the Council has had an increasing responsibility for planning work on area-wide problems such as transportation, urban renewal, and air pollution.

When the Greenbelt budget was adopted last year, provision was made for the city's contribution to the Council — \$1,000 annually. Formal application was presented in a letter from Mayor Edgar Smith. Because of a reorganization within the Council, however, the application was not accepted until this month. Previously, each individual member of the Council had held one vote—an impractical arrangement, since College Park's nine councilmen could, for example, easily outvote the three Commissioners who represented the District of Columbia. Recently, however, the Council adopted a new voting system based on the population of each area represented. (Membership costs are also based on population figures.)

As an indication of the importance to Greenbelt of membership in the Council, City Manager James K. Giese pointed out that the Council's staff are under contract to plan changes in transportation within the whole metropolitan area. All federal highway expenditures, as well as grants for urban renewal and the open spaces program, must be reviewed and approved by the board of the Council.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS OUTLINED BY DIRECTOR LOFGREN

by Dorothy Sucher

Greenbelt's summer recreation program for children will have a new look this year, according to Recreation Director Darald Lofgren. A fullscale day camp is planned for children in grades one through six, as well as a playschool for four- and five-year-olds. Both will be scheduled five days a week from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and bus transportation will be provided.

As in the past, Greenbelt children will be able to enroll in classes in swimming, archery, tennis, and other sports, but the classes will be scheduled around the nucleus of day-camp children, who will also participate in a full program of arts and crafts, nature study, general swimming, and softball and other games, depending on the ages of the groups.

The registration date for the five 2-week sessions will be announced soon. The entire project will be known as Camp Pine Tree, in honor of Greenbelt's emblem, and a pine-tree insignia will decorate the campers' T-shirts.

According to Lofgren, the Recreation Department plans to charge enough for the program to be self-sustaining without making a profit. Children desiring to enroll in guitar, ballet, and perhaps diving classes will pay extra for them because special teachers will have to be hired.

The day camp will be run by a supervisor, plus one counsellor for each group. The size of the groups will depend upon the demand, but the maximum size will be about 20, and probably grades 1 and 2, grades 3 and 4, and grades 5 and 6 will be grouped together.

A professional teacher will supervise the playschool for younger children, assisted by a counsellor for each group of 10.

Children's Theater

On June 29, a professional production of Alice in Wonderland by the Children's Theater of Baltimore will be given at Greenbelt Lake, but additional financial support is needed. The city has contributed \$100, which is about a third of the required sum, and Lofgren is hoping for private contributions from individuals or organizations.

The arrangements to contact the group were made with the help of the Governor's Council of the Arts.

The production will be presented in the late afternoon at the lake, against the background and scenery of the theater group's show-mobile.

Band Concerts at Lake

A temporary band concert shell will be built at the lake for use this season, according to Lofgren, and a series of band concerts is planned. Eight or nine area bands from high schools and service organizations have already been asked to participate.

Other Recreation Plans

Lofgren, Greenbelt's Director of Recreation since last July, foresees much expansion as the population grows. He commented: "There is almost nothing the department can't do or offer if the public wants it. We can teach anything if ten people get together and want to take it—and if we find an instructor."

Among the successful new programs begun this year are weightlifting, guitar, and ceramics for adults. This fall, Lofgren hopes to offer judo lessons for men and women.

Lofgren also mentioned plans to enlarge the Youth Center during the next few years. A need is felt for shower rooms, a weightlifting room, a large arts and crafts room with extensive storage space, and a comfortably furnished lounge for the use of adult groups such as the Golden Agers.

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Recreation Review

by Darald Lofgren
Director of Recreation

Festival of the Arts

Sunday, April 30, has been proclaimed Festival of the Arts Day by Mayor Smith. The Recreation Department offers a Sunday afternoon of education and enjoyment at the Youth Center, beginning at 1 p.m. See the Art Guild Exhibit from 1 to 5 p.m.; Robert Frost film, 1:30 p.m.; Advanced Ballet, 2 p.m.; demonstration on the Potter's Wheel, 2:30 p.m.; "Hail Stones and Halibut Bones" (film), 2:45 p.m. Band Concert, 3 p.m.; Square Dancing, 4 p.m.; Carl Sandburg film, 4:30 p.m. Bring the family and come on down and join us.

Teen Club Chatter

On Saturday, April 22, 8 to 11 p.m., The Pagans will return to the Youth Center. Teen Club members with cards will be admitted to the dance free of charge. Dress code

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to relocate the drain, if it should ever become defective - rather than to try to repair it under the addition. Director O'Reilly preferred to amend this by having members sign a letter of agreement to pay the required amount when the necessity arose. Action was, however, not taken on the suggestion as a whole. A preliminary motion was passed, instead, to authorize the manager to confer with the city about the matter.

Manager Roy Breashears relayed to the board a city proposal to relocate and improve the playgrounds at 42 Ridge and 1 Research. He recommended that GHI go ahead with this, though it has not yet been decided who will pay for fencing them in. Director Shinderman's motion to this effect was passed.

Perimeter Road Route

Breashears also informed the board of three tentative routes for the proposed perimeter road, which were discussed at a recent joint meeting of the city, GHI, and the Board of Education. The "westerly" route would pass along the boundary of GHI property, a "central" route would cut directly through the school site complex, and an "easterly" route would come across the Baltimore-Washington parkway close to the NASA interchange. The board members, in the ensuing discussion, made it clear that even at this early stage they were unalterably opposed to the "westerly" route, regarding this as detrimental to the corporation's interests.

for the evening will be school clothes.

On April 29, the Teen Club will sponsor a dance at the Greenbelt Armory. Playing for the night will be Lawrence and the Arabians plus The Zebes and the fabulous Sparks. Advanced tickets may be purchased this Saturday night, April 22, by Teen Club members for one-half the regular admission price. All tickets at the door will be sold at the full admission price.

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Girls' 18-and-under Softball

An 18-and-under girls' softball team is now being formed. If interested, call 474-6878 and have your name put on the roster.

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yet fewer CPI points from 1957 to Feb. 1967 than did national housing costs in the same period.)

On the merits of the basic proposition: I would note that GHI will be contracting to buy back from the departing member his house - and he would not have to hold and pay for it while trying to sell it and move to another home. (I found it can be expensive to have to pay for a house while trying to sell it, when I moved from one GHI home to another one.) If the house price has been permitted to rise unduly by permitting one or more departing members to sell at large profits above their down payments and monthly payments toward principal, and then if the market turns down when or after a member has sold, (GHI (that means each and all of us still in the membership) might have to take a loss. This might more than eat up the paper increases in GHI's equity under the formula I believe mistakenly adopted by the Board. Even as to Washington-area housing prices, what goes up may someday come down.

The problem of finding a fair formula which will hold down the

Little League Chatter

by Jerry W. Shafer

Greenbelt's Little League season is just around the corner and all the coaches are hard at work preparing for the coming season.

The Little League candy sale was delayed because of the truck strike. However, the candy is in and the boys will be out with their boxes of candy and a smile on Saturday. We urge all citizens of Greenbelt to buy a box and help support this boys' program in Greenbelt.

Managers are still needed to round out our Farm System program. Anyone interested should call "Dinks" Lloyd at 474-6936 or "Gene" Kelleher at 474-4034. This program requires about three or four hours each week, so get on the bandwagon and help these boys get off to a good start in baseball.

resale price of these houses in turn holding down the monthly payments necessary, to make it possible for other families to buy and enjoy them after the first and second purchasers have had them - fair to GHI and its members, fair to other buyers, and fair to the first and second buyers - will require the goodwill and cooperation of many GHI members. I trust it will be viewed as a problem to be solved by us and not permitted to become a divisive factor nor a political football. Sloganized thinking won't help with solutions, nor will recriminations, nor scapegoating.

I suggest to those who, like myself, found the Board's proposed (and now rejected) formula unsatisfactory: Sit down and carefully think about all the implications and all the problems confronted by the Board. You probably won't wind up agreeing with the solution the Board did (at least I hope not) but you may find that no formula is perfect. You may perhaps sympathize somewhat with the Board in that after they labored hard and earnestly and came up in good faith with (I believe) a mistaken policy, they saw and heard harsh words used (perhaps accurate ones, but harsh) to describe what their solution would permit to happen.

I suggest to the Board members

..... City Notes

The problem of how to work up an annual report for the city of Greenbelt when the city manager is left short-handed, received a novel solution this year. On a suggestion by city manager James K. Giese, which was enthusiastically endorsed by Professor S. M. Vinocour of the University of Maryland, the latter's class in Public Relations will undertake as a class project to prepare the report. Tried on an experimental basis, it is expected to be completed about mid-May.

Art Guild Critique

The next critique of the Greenbelt Art Guild will be held at the Youth Center on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. An art film will also be shown.

The Guild, currently conducting a membership drive, urges everyone interested in art to attend. It is not necessary to bring a painting.

A short business meeting will be held to discuss the forthcoming art exhibit at the Youth Center during the Greenbelt Festival of the Arts on Sunday, April 30. Prizes will be given in the realistic, abstract, and children's categories. Entries will be accepted at the Youth Center from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, April 30.

who have served us so well in other matters but erred (I believe) in this one: Try to see the policy you adopted and advocated, not as the well-intended one it was (as you know) but as one other well-intended members interpret as permitting a result they do not desire and one which is contrary to the non-profit, relatively low-cost housing for large GHI member families which was advocated to the members when we were persuaded to approve the building of larger homes. Please avoid further passionate discussions of recent developments. The bare chronology does not convey what we were told and what we expected and what we wanted. We may have been unrealistic, but we would like to work toward that policy to the extent it is possible.

Mat Amberg

In order to lay the groundwork for the project, Giese met with the class last week. He made his original contact with Prof. Vinocour when he met with him on behalf of the City Managers Association to arrange for an in-service training course on public relations. In previous years the Administrative Assistant to Giese has prepared the report. That post is currently vacant.

The correction of the plumbing problem that has erupted in the Center Mall during the last three winters is expected to be permanent this time. It took a long time to diagnose, but everyone concerned is now sure that the problem all along was a leak in a water main that was not part of the heating system at all. When WSSC finally repaired the leak, the problem was solved, the heating plant plumber maintains. Next winter will tell the tale.

Women's Car Workshop

Women! Do you know a crank case from a carburetor, a spark plug from an oil filter? A workshop has been planned to help answer these and any other questions you may have about your car.

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The program has been scheduled in two parts of the county. On April 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., it will be given at the Marlow Heights Recreation Center, and on May 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Prince Georges Plaza Auditorium.

Only 25 women can be accepted for each session, and the deadline for registration is April 20. For information, call the Extension Office at 736-0327.

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NOW THEREFORE, I, EDGAR L. SMITH, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland on behalf of the City of Greenbelt and its City Council, do hereby endorse and recommend the Festival of Arts to all citizens and proclaim Sunday, April 30, 1967 as Festival of the Arts Day in Greenbelt, Maryland and do urge the wholehearted participation of all citizens in this endeavor to broaden the community outlook and stimulation of these worthwhile programs.

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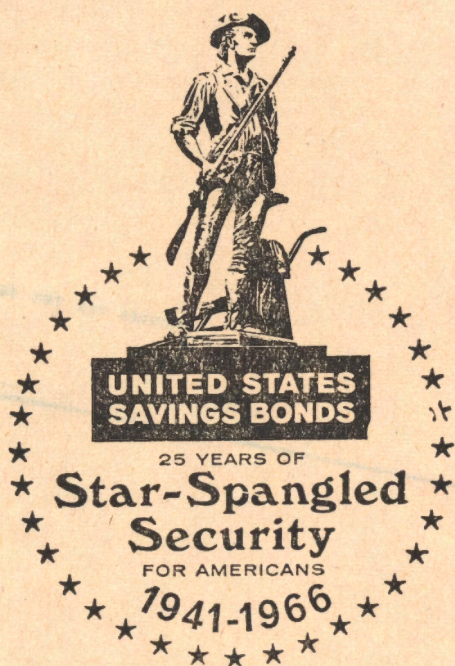
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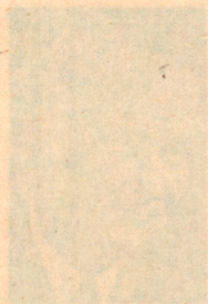
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by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

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Lt. Clifford Schein, 6-Q Ridge, has been assigned to the 751st Radar Squadron at the Mt. Laguna Air Force Station, Mt. Laguna, California.

The following Greenbelters have new address: E. Connolly, 1-B Eastway; C. Harris, 8-N Laurel; H. Hunt, Jr., 58-J Crescent; and L. Traynor, 54-B Ridge.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Sari Shiren, 8-D Hillside, who lost her husband, Alvin, last week.

All parents note: The Board of Education has approved Friday, May 26, as the date for registration for children entering kindergarten in the fall of 1967. Additional information will be announced at a later date.

Seaman Recruit Victor L. Algaze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Algaze, 4-B Hillside, graduated from the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois, after nine weeks of basic training.

Seaman Recruit Edward L. Moore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Moore, 44-P Ridge, graduated after completing nine weeks of basic training at the Na-

val Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Here comes the baby parade! Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McGaha, 57-M Ridge, are the proud parents of a son. Arnold, Jr., was born March 10 weighing 7 lbs., 8½ oz.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logan, 6219 Springhill. Michelle Andree made her debut March 17, weighing 7 lbs, 7 oz. She joins Darby and Erika.

There's a new baby in the home of the Richard Simkos, 132 Rosewood. Steven Patrick arrived March 25 and tipped the scales at 9 lbs., 4 oz. He joins Maria, Ann Marie, and John Michael.

Jerry and Vivian Pines, 7-E Crescent, are proud grandparents for the second time. Their daughter, Maida, and her husband, George Crocicchia, named him Michael. Born on March 27, Michael weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz. and has a sister, Tracey.

Former Greenbelters Pia and Al Dean proudly announce the arrival of a daughter, Pamela Lynn, born March 19 weighing 6 lbs., 6 oz., has a sister, Linda. Pamela's godparents are Patty and Joey Seay, 6-S Plateau. The Deans now reside at 12508 Palarmo Drive, Calverton, Silver Spring.

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Woman's Club News

The 67th annual convention of the Maryland Federation of Woman's Clubs will be held in the Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, on April 23, 24 and 25. All members of the federation are invited to attend. Mrs. Edward J. Castaldi and Mrs. Edna Powers were elected to represent the Woman's Club of Greenbelt.

At the annual business meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt, held April 13, officers were elected for the next two years: President, Mrs. Edward J. Castaldi; Vice-President, Mrs. Edna Powers; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Rule A. Haga; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Robert A. Hill; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Barstow.

A theatre party to see "Time of Your Life" is planned for May 5. Members should get in touch with Mrs. D. McCaughey for tickets. Dinner at the Adult Education Building will precede the theatre party.

Mrs. Grant, Community Affairs Chairman, announced that donations have been given to The House of Good Shepherd towards their library and to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. to help replenish First-Aid Supplies.

Alvin Shiren

Alvin Shiren of 6-D Hillside, died on April 12 at the age of 53 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Sari, and a daughter, Lila.

Shiren was employed by the United States Air Force as Art Director and consultant in the Publications Division. He attended City College of New York and taught art. In 1946, Shiren and his wife conducted free art and sculpting classes for children of Greenbelt servicemen. The Shirens moved to Greenbelt in 1943.

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The city's leaf vacuum machine has broken down, city officials have reported. For this reason many piles of leaves left along the curbs throughout the city have not been picked up. Residents are asked to place leaves in containers so that they may be picked up by regular trash collections.

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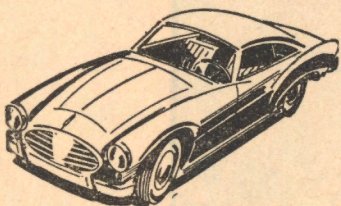
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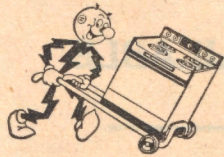
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- Automatic timer and controls that start and stop the oven at times you pre-select. You can even choose a cook-and-hold oven control that automatically maintains a just-right temperature until you're ready to serve. Automatic surface units, too. Some models have push-button controls... others have "infinite setting" dials. Take your choice

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